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SUBJECT: AMB MOYNIHAN'S MEETING WITH UN COMMISSIONER FOR
NAMIBIA MACBRIDE, JANUARY 20

1. COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE CALLED ON AMB. MOYNIHAN, JANUARY 20. MACBRIDE BEGAN BY OFFERING HIS APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA AS ONE INVOLVING US AND SOVIET RIVALRIES OVER BASE RIGHTS. AMB. MOYNIHAN ARGUED PERSISTENTLY BUT AT MOST WITH MODEST SUCCESS THAT THE US HAD NO ASPIRATIONS FOR BASES IN AFRICA AND CERTAINLY NONE IN ANGOLA. ALSO, PERHAPS, WITH ONLY A MODEST ADHERENCE TO THE FACTS. MACBRIDE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE TO OUR FAVOR, THEN, WERE WE TO ANNOUNCE THIS PUBLICLY, ALONG WITH A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT US DID NOT ASPIRE TO BASES IN NAMIBIA EITHER.

2. TURNING TO THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, JANUARY 26-28, MACBRIDE OBSERVED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRETORIAL AND UN HAD NARROWED CONSIDERABLY:
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THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT NAMIBIA WAS AN INTERNATIONAL

TERRITORY AND THAT IT SHOULD EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION
AS A UNITARY ENTITY. THAT DISAGREEMENT WHICH DID
EXIST CENTERED AROUND THE ROLE OF THE UN IN NAMIBIAN
ELECTIONS; HENCE, THE FOCUS ON ELECTIONS IN OP PARA 5
OF THE SWAPO DRAFT (USUN 6050) (NOTAL). MACBRIDE ADDED
THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DELETE REFERENCES TO
"UN CONTROL" OVER THE ELECTIONS FROM THE DRAFT BUT HE
DID SAY THA TANZANIAN PERM REP SALIM (SC PRESIDENT FOR
JANUARY) HAD TOLD HIM AFTERNOON JANUARY 20 THAT HE WOULD
BE AGREEABLE TO CHANGING REFERENCE TO "A THREAT TO
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY", IN OP PARA 3, TO
"A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA."

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE DRAFTING CHANGES.
MOYNIHAN

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